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The Douglas Center “Art From The Heart” Creations Features Expanded Product Lines at the Skokie Festival of Cultures

Skokie, IL — The Douglas Center **“Art From The Heart” Creations** debuted its expanded product lines at the 22nd Annual Skokie Festival of Cultures on May 19th and 20th with great success. The new art pieces displayed at the Festival of Cultures featured products from their decorative home accessory, jewelry and greeting card lines. The new product introductions included paper coil mirror wall hangings, decorative bowls, greeting cards, bird houses, mosaic necklaces, bracelets, earrings and much more. **“Art From The Heart” Creations** is a program participant-based business launched by The Douglas Center. This program provides participants with “hands-on” experience in the creation, production and selling of their own products. This venture provides program participants living with developmental and physical disabilities the opportunity for the development and training of marketable skills needed for their business while producing products for sale. A portion of the proceeds of these art creations goes directly to the program participant that created it.

The Douglas Center provides day programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. The Douglas Center Work Center offers work programs that include light manufacturing, sewing, packaging, assembly, shrink-wrapping, labeling, heat sealing, fulfillment services, etc. by partnering with local manufacturers on work contracts/projects. The center offers pre-vocational training as well as developmental rehabilitation for adults of all ages. The Douglas Center opened its doors in 1999. Today, they provide a home away from home for 125 hard working and dedicated individuals. The center’s *clinical services, training programs, employment opportunities and Senior’s program* enhance the lives of their program participants and assists them in reaching their maximum potential.

“Thank you to all for the support that **“Art From The Heart” Creations** received from those attending the festival”, stated Rifath Khan, Chief Executive Officer. “The excitement, satisfaction and self-esteem that come with earning an income by the creation of your own hands is something that we all value and aspire to. For individuals living with disabilities this is both extremely challenging and extremely rewarding. Thank you for making a difference!”

For more information on **“Art From The Heart” Creations** and/or inquiries on exploring a potential production/manufacturing project assignment for The Douglas Center Work Program, please contact Linda Cordero, Development Coordinator at lcordero@thedouglascenter.com or 847-674-1921 ext. 245 or visit our website: www.thedouglascenter.com

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